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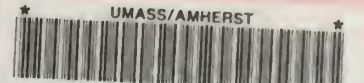
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The Criminal History Systems Board's Victim Services Unit  
provides the following services:

- **Certifies** victims, witnesses, family members of homicide victims, and parents/guardians of minor aged victims to:
  1. receive notice of an offender's temporary, provisional or final release from custody pursuant to the Victim Bill of Rights (M.G.L. Chapter 258B).
  2. receive from a criminal justice agency Criminal Offender Record Information (C.O.R.I.)\* regarding the criminal case that pertains to them as well as other non-C.O.R.I. information pursuant to the C.O.R.I. Law (M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 178A).
- **Certifies**, upon request under a Citizen's Initiated Petition, any person, who reasonably believes that his/her physical safety is jeopardized by an inmate, to receive notice of an offender's temporary, provisional or final release from custody pursuant to the C.O.R.I. Law (M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 172b).
- **Provides** information, resources, referrals, crisis intervention, and safety planning to victims during the post conviction process.
- **Facilitates** outreach to custodial authorities to improve the notification process for certified individuals.
- **Conducts** training to criminal justice agencies, victim service providers and programs, and grassroots victim organizations on post conviction services available at the CHSB.

\*C.O.R.I. is certain documentation and information held by criminal justice agencies regarding an offender's crime, arrest, prosecution, conviction, incarceration, probation, and parole.

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# **VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE-RELATED GUNSHOT AND SHARP INSTRUMENT WOUNDS**

Reported by Hospital Emergency Departments to the  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## **MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS SUMMARIZED BY GENDER January-December 1994**

	Male (n=2164)	Female (n=340)
	%	%

### **Intent**

Violence	85.5	84.4
Suspected Violence	14.5	15.6
	100.0	100.0

### **Weapon**

Gunshot	27.6	14.4
Sharp Instrument	72.4	85.6
	100.0	100.0

### **Race/Ethnicity**

Black, Non-Hispanic	34.9	41.5
White, Non-Hispanic	32.0	31.2
Hispanic	20.8	15.9
Other	1.8	2.1
Missing/Unknown	10.4	9.4
	100.0	100.0

### **Disposition**

Admitted	36.8	25.9
Discharged	45.0	53.5
DOA or Died in ER	3.1	2.4
Transferred/Other	3.5	3.2
Missing/Unknown	11.6	15.0
	100.0	100.0

### **Location of Incident**

Bar/Party	4.4	5.0
House/Apt.	18.8	42.1
Park/Recreation	2.6	1.2
School	0.6	0.3
Street	37.7	25.0
Victim's Work	1.0	1.8
Other	6.5	4.7
Missing/Unknown	28.5	20.0
	100.0	100.0

### **Arrived by Ambulance**

Yes	50.3	50.6
No	36.1	35.9
Missing/Unknown	13.5	13.5
	100.0	100.0

### **Circumstance**

(Excludes suspected violence cases)

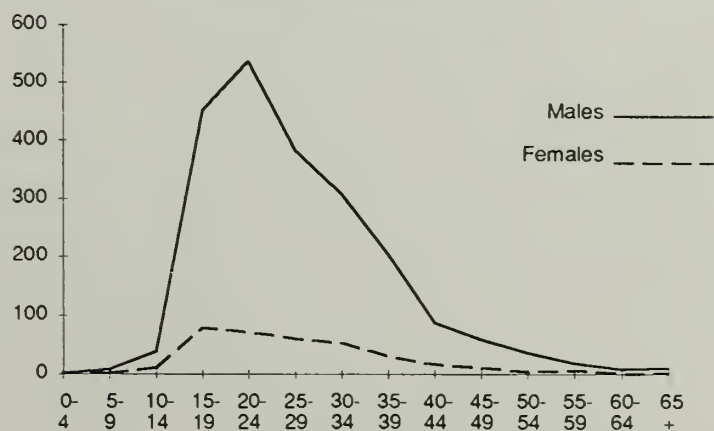
Argument or Abuse	31.9	61.7
Crime Related (e.g., robbery)	17.6	6.6
Other	9.5	9.8
Missing/Unknown	41.0	22.0
	100.0	100.0

### **Relationship of Victim to Offender**

(Excludes suspected violence cases)

Spouse/Lover	6.9	25.1
Other Family	2.4	5.9
Acquaintance	14.1	26.1
Stranger	26.5	20.2
Missing/Unknown	50.1	22.6
	100.0	100.0

**Number of Cases by Age of Victim**



### **Notes:**

- Based on record reviews, hospitals report 70-80% of their cases to the Department of Public Health; Boston hospitals report 65-75% of their cases.
- Pre-hospital deaths are not captured by this reporting system.
- This summary does not include 31 cases for which gender is missing.

Source: *Weapon-Related Injury Surveillance System*,  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

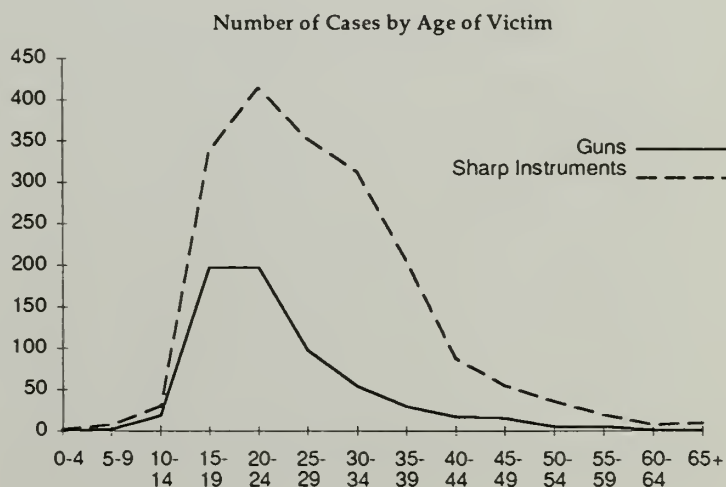


# **VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE-RELATED GUNSHOT AND SHARP INSTRUMENT WOUNDS**

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## **MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS WEAPON SUMMARY January-December 1994**

	Gunshot Wounds (n=622) %	Sharp Instrument Wounds (n=1885) %		Gunshot Wounds (n=622) %	Sharp Instrument Wounds (n=1885) %
<b>Intent</b>			<b>Circumstance</b>		
Violence	85.0	85.5	<i>(Excludes suspected violence cases)</i>		
Suspected Violence	15.0	14.5	Argument or Abuse	13.3	44.1
	100.0	100.0	Crime Related (e.g., robbery)	18.1	15.3
			Other	14.9	7.4
<b>Sex</b>			Missing/Unknown	53.6	33.1
Male	90.3	83.1		100.0	100.0
Female	7.4	15.4			
Missing	2.3	1.5	<b>Relationship of Victim to Offender</b>		
	100.0	100.0	<i>(Excludes suspected violence cases)</i>		
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			Spouse/Lover	2.3	12.0
Black, Non-Hispanic	49.5	31.1	Other Family	0.2	3.8
White, Non-Hispanic	18.3	36.4	Acquaintance	8.5	18.1
Hispanic	23.7	18.8	Stranger	26.1	25.3
Other	2.3	1.8	Missing/Unknown	62.9	40.7
Missing/Unknown	6.2	11.8		100.0	100.0
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Disposition</b>					
Admitted	55.6	28.3			
Discharged	25.8	53.0			
DOA or Died in ER	8.9	1.0			
Transferred/Other	2.9	3.7			
Missing/Unknown	6.8	14.1			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Location of Incident</b>					
Bar/Party	2.9	5.0			
House/Apt.	13.3	25.0			
Park/Recreation	2.9	2.2			
School	0.6	0.5			
Street	54.2	29.7			
Victim's Work	1.1	1.1			
Other	6.3	6.3			
Missing/Unknown	18.7	30.2			
	100.0	100.0			
<b>Arrived by Ambulance</b>					
Yes	64.8	45.3			
No	23.4	40.5			
Missing/Unknown	11.8	14.2			
	100.0	100.0			



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# **VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE-RELATED GUNSHOT AND SHARP INSTRUMENT WOUNDS**

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## **MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS YOUTH vs ADULT January-December 1994**

	Youth (0-19) (n=593) %	Adult (20+) (n=1914) %
<b>Intent</b>		
Violence	86.8	84.9
Suspected Violence	13.2	15.1
	100.0	100.0
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	83.8	85.7
Female	15.2	13.0
Missing	1.0	1.3
	100.0	100.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
Black, Non-Hispanic	39.0	34.3
White, Non-Hispanic	27.2	33.6
Hispanic	25.5	18.7
Other	1.7	1.9
Missing/Unknown	6.7	11.5
	100.0	100.0
<b>Disposition</b>		
Admitted	34.2	35.6
Discharged	49.9	45.4
DOA or Died in ER	2.7	2.6
Transferred/Other	3.2	3.6
Missing/Unknown	9.9	12.9
	100.0	100.0
<b>Location of Incident</b>		
Bar/Party	3.4	4.9
House/Apt.	14.3	24.6
Park/Recreation	3.7	2.0
School	1.7	0.2
Street	47.6	32.2
Victim's Work	0.3	1.3
Other	7.8	5.9
Missing/Unknown	21.2	29.0
	100.0	100.0
<b>Arrived by Ambulance</b>		
Yes	47.4	50.9
No	40.6	35.0
Missing/Unknown	12.0	14.1
	100.0	100.0
<b>Weapon</b>		
Gunshot	36.6	21.9
Sharp Instrument	63.4	78.1
	100.0	100.0

### **Circumstance**

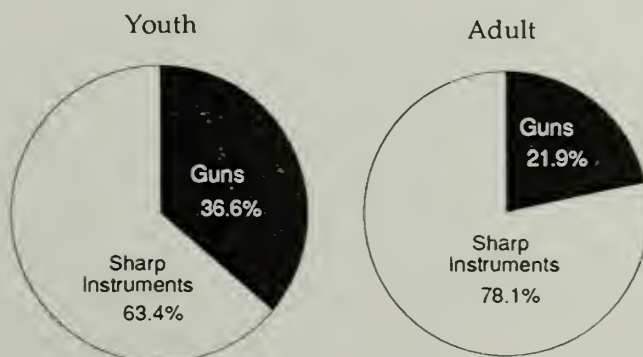
(Excludes suspected violence cases)

	Youth (0-19) (n=593) %	Adult (20+) (n=1914) %
Argument or Abuse	35.7	36.6
Crime Related (e.g., robbery)	13.6	16.9
Other	12.8	8.4
Missing/Unknown	37.9	38.2
	100.0	100.0

### **Relationship of Victim to Offender**

(Excludes suspected violence cases)

	Youth (0-19) (n=593) %	Adult (20+) (n=1914) %
Spouse/Lover	2.7	11.8
Other Family	4.7	2.4
Acquaintance	19.4	14.4
Stranger	27.8	25.2
Missing/Unknown	45.4	46.3
	100.0	100.0



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**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS**  
by  
**SIZE OF VICTIM'S CITY OF RESIDENCE**  
January-December 1994

	Cities Under 50,000 (n=527)	Cities <sup>1</sup> 50,000 + (n=1049)	Boston (n=839)
	%	%	%

## **Intent**

Violence	81.6	84.9	88.2
Suspected Violence	18.4	15.1	11.8
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Sex**

Male	84.8	85.7	84.9
Female	13.9	13.2	13.6
Missing	1.3	1.1	1.5
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Race/Ethnicity**

Black, Non-Hispanic	8.5	25.2	63.2
White, Non-Hispanic	58.4	33.9	15.5
Hispanic	21.1	24.9	13.8
Other	1.9	2.1	1.7
Missing/Unknown	10.1	13.9	5.8
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Disposition**

Admitted	28.8	27.8	46.1
Discharged	51.2	51.9	39.2
DOA or Died in ER	1.9	3.1	1.9
Transferred/Other	4.9	3.6	2.7
Missing/Unknown	13.1	13.5	10.0
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Location of Incident**

Bar/Party	4.4	5.0	3.9
House/Apt.	26.0	22.2	20.3
Park/Recreation	2.3	2.1	2.9
School	0.4	0.6	0.5
Street	30.2	34.9	40.8
Victim's Work	1.3	0.8	1.1
Other	9.9	5.9	4.5
Missing/Unknown	25.6	28.6	26.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Arrived by Ambulance**

Yes	49.0	47.2	52.4
No	40.8	41.0	29.6
Missing/Unknown	10.2	11.8	18.0
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Weapon**

Gunshot	16.1	24.1	31.9
Sharp Instrument	83.9	75.9	68.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Circumstance**

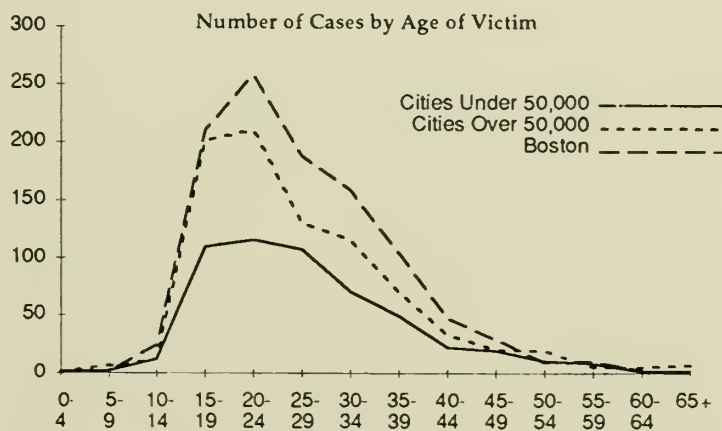
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Argument or Abuse	44.7	34.9	34.2
Crime Related (e.g., robbery)	14.4	15.5	17.7
Other	8.1	11.3	8.0
Missing/Unknown	32.8	38.3	40.1
	100.0	100.0	100.0

## **Relationship of Victim to Offender**

(Excludes suspected violence cases)

Spouse/Lover	11.6	9.3	9.5
Other Family	5.1	2.2	2.7
Acquaintance	14.9	16.3	14.9
Stranger	27.2	25.3	25.8
Missing/Unknown	41.2	46.9	47.2
	100.0	100.0	100.0



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1. Does not include Boston cases.

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